



<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/889,926
	<i>Filing Date</i>	September 18, 2001
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	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1638
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	<i>Confirmation No.</i>	5748
	<i>Customer No.</i>	6449
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>		2577-115
<i>Title of the Invention: NAC1-A PLANT GENE ENCODING A TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR INVOLVED IN COTYLEDON AND LATERAL ROOT DEVELOPMENT</i>		

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

TELECENTER 10/10/03

In response to the Office Action rejection mailed April 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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